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to all the
producers who
participated in our
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you requested are in this issue.

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CATTLE PRICES LOWER

The **Index of Prices Received** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agricultural commodities sold during June was 94 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was unchanged from May, but was down 14 points (13 percent) from June 2001. The All Crops Index was down 3 points (3 percent) from May, but was 10 points (10 percent) higher than June 2001. Prices for corn, oats, all wheat, and dry beans were higher than May, but feed barley was slightly lower. Both alfalfa and other hay prices were unchanged from May. The All Livestock Index was down 2 points (2 percent) from May and was 25 points (23 percent) lower than last year. Prices for steers and heifers, cows, and calves were lower than last month, but prices for sheep and lambs were higher. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The **Index of Prices Received for Livestock**, at 86, was down 2 points from May and 25 points lower than June 2001. Sheep prices, at \$27.00 per hundredweight, were \$1.80 higher than last month, but \$2.90 lower than last

year. Lamb prices averaged \$75.00 per hundredweight, \$2.90 higher than May, but 60 cents lower than June 2001. Steer and heifer prices, at \$74.40 per hundredweight, were down 90 cents from May and \$16.30 lower than last year. Cow prices, at \$39.10 per hundredweight, were down \$1.80 from May and were \$6.90 lower than last June. Calf prices averaged \$91.00 per hundredweight, down \$5.80 from May and \$24.00 lower than last year.

The **Index of Prices Received for Crops**, at 113, was down 3 points from May, but was 10 points higher than last year. The alfalfa hay price was unchanged from May remaining at \$104.00 per ton, \$2.00 higher than last June. Other hay prices averaged \$98.00 per ton, also unchanged from May, but \$1.00 per ton higher than last year. The average corn price, at \$2.20 per bushel, was up 6 cents from May and 24 cents higher than June 2001. Oats averaged \$1.90 per bushel, up 5 cents from May and 40 cents higher than last year. Wheat, at \$3.00 per bushel, was up 18 cents from May and 38 cents higher than June 2001. Dry beans averaged \$27.50 per hundredweight, up 10 cents from May and \$10.70 higher than last year.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June was 98, based on 1990-92=100, up 1 point (1 percent) from the revised May index. Higher prices for eggs, broilers, broccoli, and hogs offset decreased prices for cantaloupe, cattle, milk, and peaches. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher marketings for wheat, grapes, hay, and cantaloupe more than offset decreased marketings of oranges, tomatoes, strawberries, and sweet corn.

Compared with June last year, the All Farm Products Index was down 9 points (8 percent). Lower prices for cattle, broilers, hogs, and celery more than offset higher prices for potatoes, corn, eggs, and wheat.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, JUNE 2001, MAY 2002, AND JUNE 15, 2002 U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		JUNE 2001	MAY 2002	JUNE 15 2002	JUNE 2001	MAY 2002	JUNE 15 2002	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	46.00	40.90	39.10	44.70	39.90	38.70	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	90.70	75.30	74.40	77.00	68.20	65.80	—
Calves	100#	115.00	96.80	91.00	110.00	98.50	94.90	46
Sheep	100#	29.90	25.20	27.00	31.70	28.60	1/	—
Lambs	100#	75.60	72.10	75.00	71.60	64.30	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	1.96	2.14	2.20	1.76	1.93	1.94	30
Oats	Bu.	1.50	1.85	1.90	1.38	1.99	1.90	49
Feed Barley	Bu.	1.80	1.92	1.90	1.77	1.90	1.86	—
All Wheat	Bu.	2.62	2.82	3.00	2.74	2.81	2.86	30
Dry Beans	100#	16.80	27.40	27.50	16.40	27.50	27.00	57
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	102.00	104.00	104.00	103.00	108.00	102.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	97.00	98.00	98.00	70.70	76.70	73.20	—

1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996.

NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.

1990-92 = 100	WYOMING			UNITED STATES		
	JUNE 2001	MAY 2002	JUNE 15 2002	JUNE 2001	MAY 2002	JUNE 15 2002
All Commodities	108	94	94	107	97	98
All Crops	103	116	113	102	106	105
All Livestock and Products	111	88	86	113	90	90

FEWER ACRES PLANTED TO WYOMING CROPS IN 2002; SMALLEST SUGARBEET ACREAGE SINCE 1984

Results of the annual June acreage survey indicate that **Wyoming** producers have 1.64 million acres in crop production in 2002. This acreage includes acres planted to all major crops and those expected to be cut for alfalfa and other hay. Acreage planted to grain and row crops totaled 471,000 acres, down 7 percent from 2001 and down 16 percent from 2000 as drought conditions and low prices reduced plantings.

Wyoming producers planted 150,000 acres of **winter wheat** last fall, down 10,000 acres from the previous year; 120,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain, the same as last year which was the fewest acres since 1940. **Spring wheat** seedlings totaled 8,000 acres in 2002, the same as last year. Acreage planted to **oats** was also unchanged from last year and totaled 75,000 acres; 30,000 acres are expected for grain. **Barley** area planted, at 90,000 acres, is down 10 percent from 2001. A total of 75,000 acres of barley are expected to be harvested for grain which would be the lowest since 1939.

A total of 80,000 acres of **corn** were planted statewide, 11 percent below 2001 and 2000 plantings. **Dry bean** planted acreage, at 28,000 acres, is up 17 percent from 2001 but still 22 percent below 2000. **Sugarbeet** acreage is down 18 percent from last year to 40,000 acres planted, the smallest crop since 1984.

Producers expect to harvest 1.17 million acres of **all hay** in 2002, which would be up 4 percent from last year, 3 percent above 2000's acreage, but 9 percent below 1999.

UNITED STATES: The 2002 **winter wheat** planted area, at 41.4 million acres, is less than 1 percent above last year. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 29.8 million acres, the smallest area for grain since 1917. Acreage planted to **spring wheat** other than durum for 2002 is estimated at 16.0 million acres, up 2 percent from 2001. Grain area is expected to be up 4 percent from last year. Durum wheat seedlings totaled 2.76 million acres, down 5 percent from last year.

Barley growers seeded 5.05 million acres for 2002, up 2 percent from the record low of a year ago. Acres for harvest rebounded 5 percent from 2001. The area planted to **oats** last fall and this spring is 15 percent above last year's seeded acres. Acreage to be harvested for grain is 38 percent more than last year's record low.

The 2002 planted area for **corn** for all purposes is estimated at 78.9 million acres, up 4 percent from 2001 but down 1 percent from 2000. **Sugarbeets** planted totaled 1.41 million acres, up 3 percent from 2001. The area for harvest is estimated up 10 percent from 2001 when harvested acreage was reduced by the payment-in-kind diversion program. U.S. **dry bean** growers planted 1.86 million acres for 2002, up 30 percent from last year and 6 percent above two years ago. Acres to be harvested are 40 percent above last year.

Hay producers expect to harvest 64.7 million acres of all hay in 2002, up 2 percent from 2001. This would be the largest harvested acreage of all hay since 1988. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures are up 1 percent and all other hay is up 2 percent from last year.

ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2001; ACREAGE AND JULY 1 SMALL GRAIN FORECASTS 2002

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2001	2002	2001	July 2002	2001	July 2002	2001	July 2002	02/01 %
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000		
WYOMING									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	90	80	51	44	125	2/	6,375	2/	
Winter Wheat (bu)	160	150	120	120	24	16	2,880	1,920	67%
Spring Wheat (bu)	8	8	6	6	28	3/	168	3/	
Oats (bu)	75	75	28	30	42	3/	1,176	3/	
Barley (bu)	100	90	85	75	84	82	7,140	6,150	86%
Sugarbeets (tons)	48.5	40.0	41.6	39.0	20.6	4/	857	4/	
Dry Beans (cwt)	24	28	21	27	21.4	4/	450	4/	
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—	—	580	580	2.20	4/	1,276	4/	
Other Hay (tons)	—	—	550	590	1.10	4/	605	4/	
All Hay (tons)	—	—	1,130	1,170	1.66	4/	1,881	4/	
UNITED STATES									
Corn-Grain (bu) 1/	75,752	78,947	68,808	72,081	138.2	4/	9,506,840	4/	
Winter Wheat (bu)	41,078	41,362	31,295	29,764	43.5	39.6	1,361,479	1,178,320	87%
Spring Wheat (bu)	15,629	15,963	14,569	15,172	35.2	32.0	512,608	486,226	95%
Oats (bu)	4,403	5,085	1,905	2,633	61.3	56.1	116,856	147,584	126%
Barley (bu)	4,967	5,048	4,289	4,499	58.2	59.0	249,590	265,330	106%
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,370.8	1,408.8	1,243.6	1,370.7	20.7	4/	25,787	4/	
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,429.9	1,864.0	1,243.0	1,745.1	15.72	4/	19,541	4/	
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—	—	23,812	24,134	3.37	4/	80,266	4/	
Other Hay (tons)	—	—	39,699	40,575	1.93	4/	76,437	4/	
All Hay (tons)	—	—	63,511	64,709	2.47	4/	156,703	4/	

1/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.

2/Forecasts no longer made. Final estimates released January 2003.

3/Forecasts no longer made. Final estimates released September 30.

4/First forecast released August 12.

WINTER WHEAT AND BARLEY CROPS SHARPLY REDUCED THIS YEAR

The lowest average yield per acre in 37 years along with an unusually small acreage for harvest has reduced the expected production of winter wheat in Wyoming to the lowest level since 1944. The 2002 barley crop is expected to be the smallest since 1973 as smaller acreage for harvest than last year and lower average yields are forecast based on conditions around July 1. The drought this year has affected dryland yields and also reduced irrigation water supplies.

The July 1 forecast pegs the 2002 **winter wheat** crop in Wyoming at 1.92 million bushels, which would be 33 percent less than last year and less than half of the 2000 crop. The forecast for average yield is 16 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels from last month and 8 bushels below last year.

Barley production in 2002 is expected to total 6.15 million bushels, down 14 percent from 2001's production and 22 percent below 2000. A decrease in acreage for harvest and a 2 bushel drop in yield to 82 bushels per acre both contributed to the lower production forecast.

United States: **Winter wheat** production is forecast at 1.18 billion bushels, the lowest level since 1971. The production forecast is down 5 percent from last month and down 13 percent from 2001. Acres for harvest as grain are forecast at 29.8 million, down 5 percent from 2001 and the smallest since 1917. **Hard Red Winter**, at 634 million bushels, is down 6 percent from a month ago. **White Winter** is down 1 percent this month and now totals 203 million bushels.

Durum wheat production is forecast at 84.1 million bushels, up 1 percent from 2001. **Other Spring** wheat production is forecast at 486 million bushels, down 5 percent from 2001. Of this total, 443 million is Hard Red Spring wheat, down 7 percent from last season.

Barley production for 2002 is forecast at 265 million bushels, 6 percent above 2001. Based on July 1 conditions, producers expect to harvest an average of 59.0 bushels per acre, up 0.8 bushel from last year.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.94 million head on June 1, 2002. Inventory was 3 percent below June 1, 2001 and slightly below June 1, 2000.

Placements in May totaled 2.23 million, 6 percent below 2001 and 3 percent below 2000. Placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 350,000, 600-699 pounds were 434,000, 700-799 pounds were 744,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 699,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million, 1 percent below 2001 and slightly below 2000.

Cattle on feed June 1, 2002, in the historic 7 monthly States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.42 million, down 2 percent from the previous year and down slightly from June 1, 2000.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, JUNE 1, 2001-2002 1/						
State	On Feed May 1, 2002	Place- ments May 2002	Market- ings May 2002	Other Disapp. May 2002	On Feed June 1, 2002	On Feed June 1, 2001
Thousand Head						
CO	1,080	205	185	10	1,090	1,160
KS	2,270	485	495	20	2,240	2,400
NE	2,170	350	445	15	2,060	2,090
TX	2,700	760	580	10	2,870	2,890
Oth Sts.	* 2,731	427	461	17	2,680	2,705
U.S.	*10,951	2,227	2,166	72	10,940	11,245

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

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WYOMING MILK PRODUCTION UP 10 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

The number of milk cows in **Wyoming** during April-June 2002 averaged 4,600 head, up 100 head from the previous quarter and up 200 head from the same quarter one year ago. Milk production during 2002's second quarter was 17.0 million pounds, up 8 percent from the previous three months and 10 percent more than the same quarter last year.

UNITED STATES: The quarterly production of milk for the U.S. was 44.0 billion pounds, 3 percent above the April-June period last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the April-June quarter was 9.15 million head, 33,000 head more than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES AND U.S., APR-JUN, 2001 AND 2002					
State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Production 2/		Change from 2001
	2001	2002	2001	2002	
1,000 Head			Million Pounds		Percent
WY	4.4	4.6	15.4	17.0	+10.4
CA	1,582	1,640	8,462	8,940	+ 5.6
CO	91	102	497	555	+11.7
ID	364	386	1,949	2,059	+ 5.6
MT	19	18	87	85	- 2.3
NE	73	67	302	284	- 6.0
SD	99	97	401	383	- 4.5
UT	93	94	414	428	+ 3.4
WI	1,293	1,272	5,755	5,675	- 1.4
US	9,114	9,147	42,681	43,950	+ 3.0

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

U.S. MONTHLY HIGHS FOR BEEF AND PORK PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during May 2002 totaled 400,000 pounds. This is down 9 percent from April 2002 but up 11 percent from May 2001. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Five hundred **cattle** were slaughtered, up 100 head from May 2001. Total liveweight was 593,000 pounds, up 25 percent from May 2001. Average liveweight of cattle slaughtered was 1,171 pounds, 13 pounds heavier than last year.

Two hundred **hogs** and **pigs** were processed, down 100 head from a year ago. Total liveweight, at 60,000 pounds, was down 24 percent from last year. Average liveweight of hogs slaughtered was 261 pounds, up one pound from year ago.

One hundred **sheep** and **lambs** were processed totaling 10,000 pounds liveweight. Average liveweight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 129 pounds, down 13 pounds from a year earlier.

January - May red meat production was 1.7 million pounds, up 13 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.02 billion pounds in May, up 4 percent from the 3.88 billion pounds produced in May 2001 and a new record high for May.

Beef production, at 2.34 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year and a new record high for May. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.15 million head, down 2 percent from May 2001. The average liveweight was 1,223 pounds, up 39 pounds from May a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.65 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year and a new record high for May. Hog kill totaled 8.33 million head, 5 percent above May 2001. The average liveweight was 267 pounds, up 3 pounds from May a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.5 million pounds, was up 16 percent from May 2001. Sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 284,100 head, 19 percent above last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 3 pounds from May a year ago.

January - May red meat production was 19.2 billion pounds, 4 percent above the previous year. Accumulated beef production was up 5 percent from last year, pork was up 3 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, MAY 2001 AND 2002, Wyoming and U.S.										
SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	May 2001	May 2002	May 2001	May 2002	% 02/01	May 2001	May 2002	May 2001	May 2002	% 02/01
			1,000 Pounds					1,000 Pounds		
Cattle	400	500	476	593	125	3,199,800	3,146,500	3,787,266	3,848,261	102
Hogs	300	200	79	60	76	7,958,600	8,362,200	2,100,387	2,219,387	106
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	16	10	63	238,900	284,100	33,784	39,252	116